

Species Id, elastomeric foam comprising at least two foam structure layers and at least one waterproof elastomeric layer, as set forth in claim 10;

Species Ie, elastomeric foam comprising at least one two foam structure layers and a knitted fabric, as set forth in claims 11 and 12;

Species If, elastomeric foam comprising at least one foam structure layer, one waterproof layer, and a knitted fabric, as set forth in claims 11 and 12;

Species IIa, elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is selected from one of the species set forth in claim 7;

Species IIb, elastomeric foam wherein the substrate material is selected from one of the species set forth in claim 8;

Species IIIa surface treatment as set forth in claim 13;

Species IIIb surface treatment as set forth in claim 14;

Species IIIc surface treatment as set forth in claim 15; and

Species IIId surface treatment as set forth in claim 16.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species Ib, an elastomeric foam comprising at least one foam structure layer and one or more substrate layers, as set forth in claim 1; with traverse. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claims 2-8 are generic to claims 1 and 9-11.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Moreover, because the generic claims should be in condition for allowance, this Election of Species Requirement should also be overcome and withdrawn.

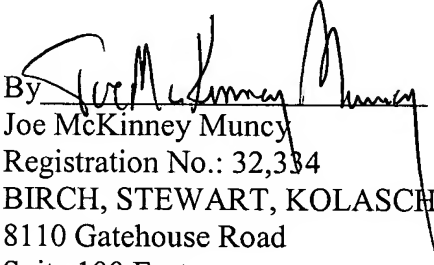
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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